



OLIVIA CHOW
MAYOR

Proclamation

Dental Care Day

October 10, 2026

WHEREAS Dental Care Day promotes dignity-based dental care and equitable access to oral health services, with a focus on supporting individuals who face barriers to care.

The City of Toronto recognizes the vital role oral health care professionals play in promoting oral health and supporting the overall health and well-being of residents. Dental professionals, volunteers and community organizations contribute their time and expertise to provide care, raise awareness and improve access to oral health services.

Through government-funded programs, Toronto Public Health provides free or low-cost dental care to eligible residents. Across the city, Toronto Public Health operates 25 dental clinics and two wheelchair-accessible mobile clinics, offering services that include examinations, preventive and restorative care, emergency and urgent treatment, and dentures. Staff also help residents understand available dental programs, determine eligibility, and connect to broader health and social supports, including health care and community-based services.

With 16 dental clinics co-located within community health centres, Toronto Public Health's integrated model makes it easier for clients to access dental care alongside additional health and social services. Toronto Public Health also supports oral health through annual dental screenings in local public and separate schools and works with Seniors Services and Long-Term Care to provide dental care to eligible residents in long-term care homes.

Dental Care Day provides an opportunity to raise awareness of the importance of oral health, recognize the contributions of oral health care professionals, volunteers and community organizations, and reaffirm our commitment to reducing barriers to care and supporting the health and well-being of all residents.

NOW THEREFORE, I, Mayor Olivia Chow, on behalf of Toronto City Council, do hereby proclaim **October 10, 2026**, as "**Dental Care Day**" in the City of Toronto.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, reading 'Olivia Chow'.

Olivia Chow
Mayor of Toronto

